

# Community Safety

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**This Newsletter aims to provide information around safeguarding and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), raise awareness of current issues across the district, promote the good work of our partner agencies and celebrate the successes we have had.**

We can be contacted online: [Report antisocial behaviour | Hart District Council](#)  
by phone: **01252 774476** or by e-mail: [communitysafety@hart.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@hart.gov.uk)

## **Going on Holiday? Keep Your Home Safe While You're Away**

As summer holiday season approaches, it's important to think not just about sun cream and suitcases – but also home security. Opportunistic burglars often target properties that appear unoccupied, so a few simple steps can give you peace of mind while you're away.

### **Top Tips to Secure Your Home:**

- Use timers on lights – set lamps to turn on and off in the evening to give the impression someone's home
- Don't advertise your trip – avoid posting holiday plans or photos on social media until you return
- Ask a trusted neighbour or friend to check in – ask them to collect post, open and close curtains, and park on your drive
- Lock up properly – double-lock doors, secure all windows, and ensure sheds and garages are locked
- Consider security devices – smart doorbells, CCTV, and alarm systems can act as a deterrent and alert you to any unusual activity



By taking a few precautions, you can relax and enjoy your break – knowing your home is secure.

## **Schools Out for Summer!**

As the school gates close and summer kicks off, it's a great time for young people to enjoy a well-earned break – but safety and respect for our community remain just as important. Whether it's heading to the park, hanging out with friends, or exploring the outdoors, we encourage parents and carers to chat with children about staying safe, including:

- Knowing where they're going and who they're with
- Keeping phones charged and checking in regularly
- Staying away from unsafe areas like railway lines, building sites, abandoned buildings or open water
- Being kind and respectful to neighbours, public spaces, and each other



While most young people enjoy the summer responsibly, we understand that anti-social behaviour can sometimes increase during the holidays. If you notice concerns such as vandalism, nuisance gatherings, or underage drinking, please report them so the right support or intervention can be put in place. You can report incidents via these methods:



•Hart Community Safety Team:  
Email [communitysafety@hart.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@hart.gov.uk)  
•Hampshire Police: Call 101 or report online  
[Report | Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary](#)



**In an emergency or if a crime is in progress, always call 999**

This summer, let's work together to keep Hart a safe, welcoming place for everyone  
– residents and visitors, young and old.

## BBQ Safety: Enjoy Summer Safely

With the warmer weather upon us, many of us will be firing up the barbecue to enjoy some outdoor cooking with friends and family. While BBQs are a summer favourite, it's important to stay safe and avoid accidents.

**Here are a few top tips for BBQ safety:**

✓ **Choose a safe spot:**

*Set up your BBQ on flat ground, well away from fences, trees, sheds, or overhanging branches.*

✓ **Keep it supervised:**

*Never leave a BBQ unattended. Make sure children and pets stay at a safe distance.*

✓ **Use the right tools:**

*Only use approved firelighters or BBQ starter fuel – never petrol or paraffin. Have a bucket of water or sand nearby just in case.*

✓ **Check gas BBQs carefully:**

*If using a gas BBQ, check the hose for cracks or leaks before use. Always turn off the gas at the cylinder after cooking.*

✓ **Let coals cool:**

*Charcoal can stay hot for hours. Let it cool completely before disposing of ashes in a metal container.*



Remember, a few simple precautions can help keep your BBQ fun and incident-free. If you're unsure, check Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service for more advice. Enjoy the summer safely!

## Hart Youth Achievement Awards - Reminder for Nominations

We are looking forward to publicly recognising again the talented, giving and community focused young people we have in the Hart District. We now need all members of the community to nominate those young people aged 11-25 who need celebrating – in 2 age categories: up to 16 **and** 16 and over.

The young people must also live or be educated in the Hart District. Nominations need to be in by **26<sup>th</sup> September 2025!**

For more information and to submit a nomination, please visit: [Fleet Phoenix Services](#). Let's come together to honour and celebrate the youth who make Hart a vibrant and compassionate community!



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